

Probation and Court-Based Alternatives Project – 2011/12

County	Brief Project Description	Assessment Tool
Lake County	The project is a partnership between County Probation and Healthy Start (a collaborative of 25 community and school-based service providers). The project will utilize Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Family PRO to serve 25 moderate-risk youth who have a history of VOP's, FTA's and/or bench warrants; have certain criminogenic needs; can be safely maintained in the community, and are likely to benefit from the program.	FDM (Family Development Matrix)
Stanislaus County	The project is a partnership with the Center for Human Services to provide gender-specific programming for young girls. The project will provide gender specific training for probation and CHS staff; an assessment which defines specific needs of the young girls; enhanced treatment services both in and out of custody, as well as increased diversion options.	JAIS (Juvenile Assessment and Intervention System)
Santa Cruz County	As a model site for the Annie E. Casey's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), this project will continue to operationalize additional strategies used to reduce the use of secure detention. The project will include individualizing the condition of all probation orders; operationalize the VOP administrative guide and incentives grid; utilize an evening center; enhanced counseling services, and continued use of court reminder calls.	RAI (Risk Assessment Instrument)
Sacramento County	The Practical Alternatives to Detention (PAD) Project will enable probation staff to support a telephone hotline advising law enforcement personnel of a youth's eligibility for detention, and those youth eligible for temporary housing at a local group home. This temporary housing would be lieu of secure detention at the Youth Detention Facility pending their court hearing/placements.	DRAI (Detention Risk Assessment Instrument)
San Francisco County	This project will include the development of new policies and practices that will reduce the need for secure detention. The five components will include a Saturday Community-based Probation Support Program; increased parental understanding of probation supervision; development of an intermediate sanctions grid; a review of the entire warrant process, and the establishment of court notification procedures.	DPH AIIM Higher Program (mental health assessment)

Alameda	The project will include a comprehensive assessment of current practices, develop policies and protocols, implement resulting procedural changes, collaborate with community-based organizations to enhance Court Notifications to youth and their families of pending court dates, and pilot an Evening Reporting Center as an alternative.	Intends to adopt a Validated Risk Assessment Tool
Fresno	The project will integrate “OffenderLink” into the Probation and Superior Court IT systems to attempt to reduce the number of FTAs. The system will consist of an automated notification system to the juvenile/parent five days prior to the actual court date and again two days prior to the date.	Intends to adopt a Risk Assessment Tool
Santa Clara	The project will include an in-depth review of the current practices contributing to FTAs, VOPs, and bench warrants; the expansion of risk and needs assessments to CBOs; support of an evidence-based (EB) drug program; motivational interviewing training; EB drug program services and practices for probations staff, CBOs and justice partners; and an automated calling system to remind youth/parents of the approaching court dates.	RAI (Risk Assessment Instrument)